



CHAP. X.

Joseph's Conduct towards his Brethren, &c.

WHILE they stood in this submissive way before Joseph, he said, with a lordly voice, "From whence do ye come?" And they answered, "Thy servants are come from the land of

of Canaan; having family want of food, in this time buy corn that they may buy bread; for we are in great distress, which do not appear to us; we cannot determine what they were to do; and putting on suspicion, you intend to deceive many of you in order to make observation on you are spies from some country to come to make observation on your distressed situation." And Joseph took possession of their land with trembling: "No, my Lord; for we are all your brethren, we thought we would buy with each other." "Away with all your evil devices; that are come to see the